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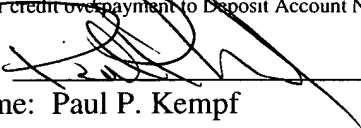
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment modifies the Application filed herewith. Prior to continued examination of the application, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~FIELD OF THE INVENTION~~

BACKGROUND

The present invention relates to a method and to an apparatus for reducing the crest factor (the ratio of peak to average value) of a signal, for example, a multi-carrier communication signal.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION~~

In recent years multi-carrier communication systems have been widely used in particular for x DSL communication systems (Digital Subscriber Line) like ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line) or VDSL (Very High Speed Digital Subscriber Line). ~~Fig. 7 shows~~ Figure 1